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As commander of Joint Enabling Capabilities Command's Joint Planning Support Element at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, Col. Dave Hardy is responsible for a contingent of joint staff officers with expertise in intelligence support, knowledge management, operations, logistics, plans and public affairs. JPSE is critical to the rapid formation of joint task force headquarters worldwide.

Hardy graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1990 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. His previous assignments include the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana; executive officer of 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, Georgia; operations analyst for the TRADOC Analysis Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; commander of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, in Vilseck, Germany; and various leadership positions with the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. From 2009 to 2012, he was commander of 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson, Colorado, and led the unit on a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. Hardy deployed twice to Iraq and also served during contingency operations in Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Saudi Arabia.

Prior to taking command of JPSE, the colonel was the Joint Training, Plans and Operations Division chief for Joint Staff J7 in Suffolk, Virginia. He served on U.S. Central Command's J5 Plans staff from 2007 to 2009 at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

Hardy is a 2014 graduate of the U.S. Army War College. He also attended the Joint and Combined Warfighting School at Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, as well as Fort Leavenworth's School of Advanced Military Studies and Command and General Staff College.